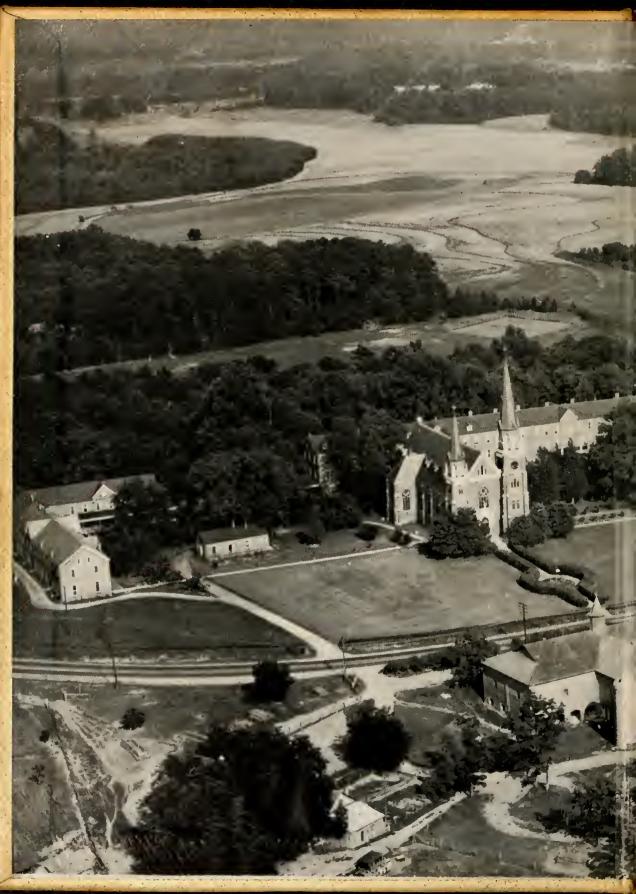
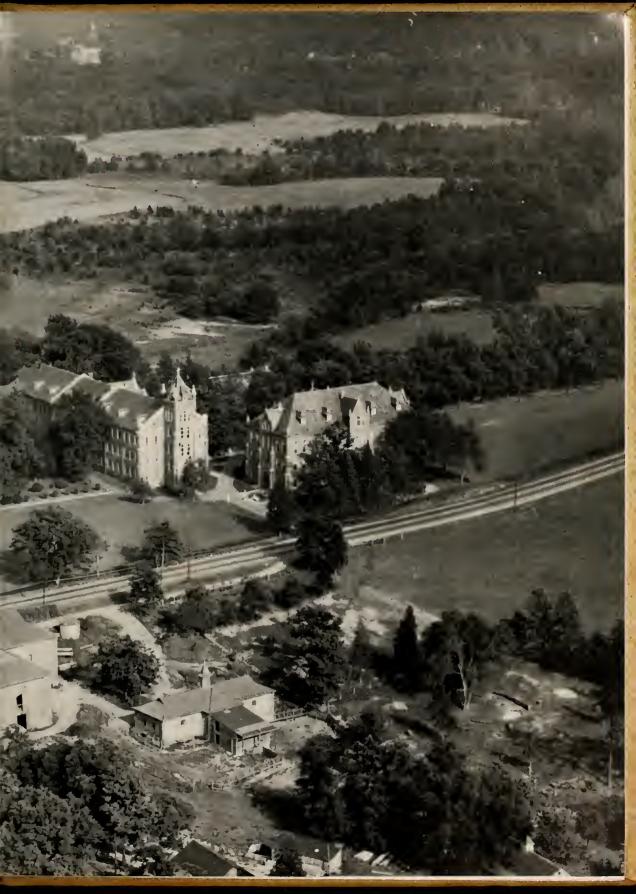


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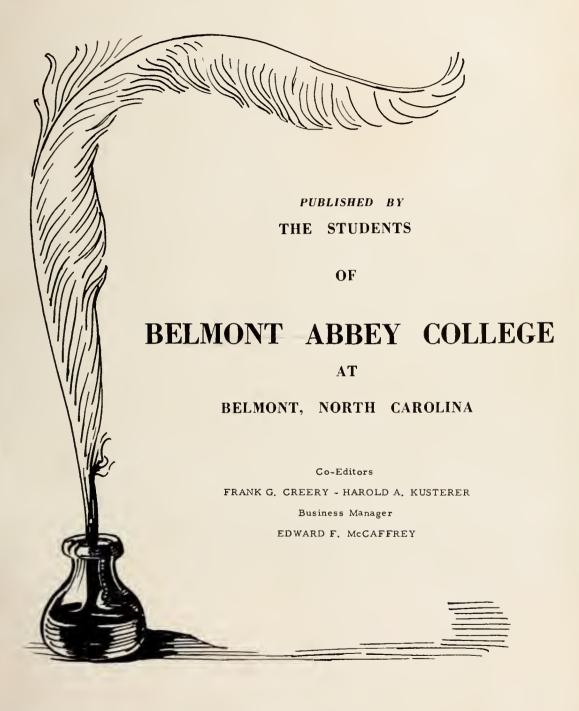






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THE VERY REV. BERNARD L. ROSSWOG,

53084 Rector And Vice

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O.S.B., A.B., S.T.D.

President

To a stern and sturdy leader-though softly doth he chide.

A companion of

the students:
a man,
a monk,
a guide.

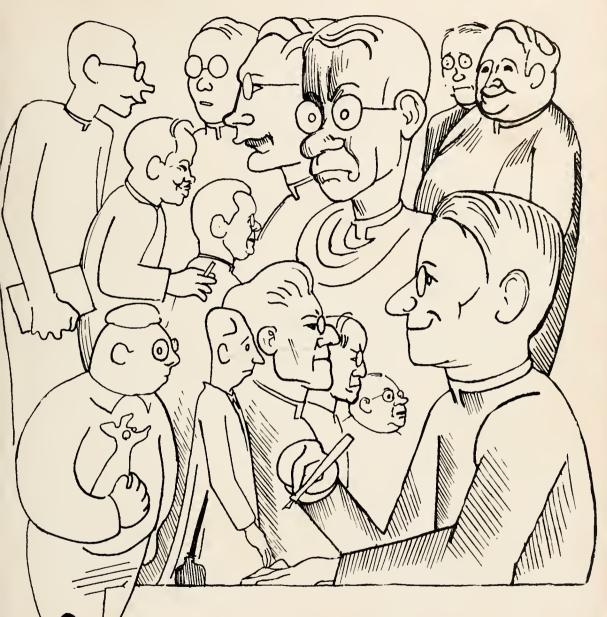
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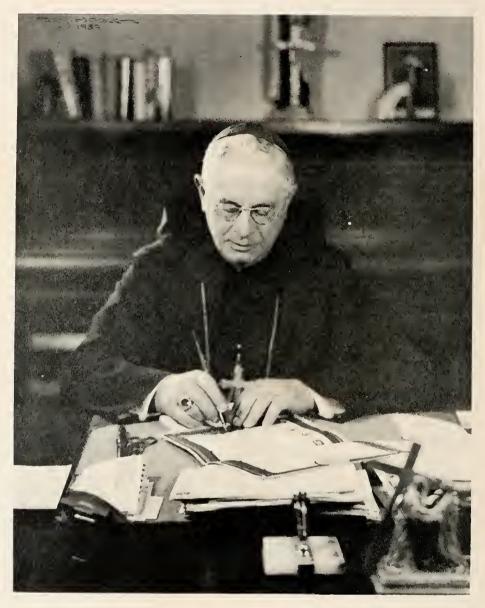
In our seal there is seen the ten stars and the lion. This is symbolic of the ten monks under Bishop Leo Haid who founded Belmont Abbey. Perhaps this page should be titled "Forward!" Certainly this word is most characteristic of those years ensuing 1878. It is also applicable to this year. 1952 marks the end of the Junior College. But the Abbey moves forward taking its position as a Senior College.

This annual has been compiled for the enjoyment of the students in its preservation of a small part of the dynamic life of the Abbey. Moreover, it is the wish that this annual will be a force in the maintenance of the traditional Abbey spirit and principles in the forthcoming Senior College, "ut in omnibus glorificetur deus."

FOREWORD

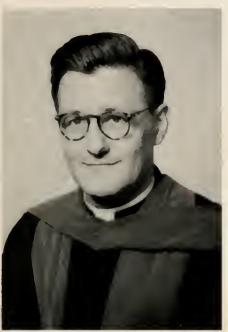


ADMINISTRATION



The Right Rev. Vincent G. Taylor, O.S.B., D.D., LL.D.

President



The Very Rev. Bernard L. Rosswog, O.S.B., A.B., S.T.D. Rector and Vice President



The Rev. Anselm G. Biggs, O.S.B., S.T.B., A.M., Ph.D. Professor of History, Instructor in Latin, Chaplain

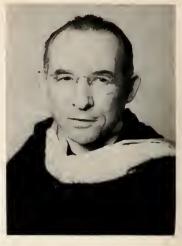




The Very Rev: Joseph T. Tobin, O.S.B., A.B., S.T.B., M.S. Professor of Physics, Instructor in Chemistry



The Rev. Boniface A. Bauer, O.S.B., A.B., S.T.B. Professor of German



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The Rev. Brendan J. Dooley, O.S.B., A.B., S.T.B., A.M. Professor of English



The Rev. Paul R. Milde, O.S.B., A.B., S.T.B., A.M. Professor of Education



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Frater Kenneth A. Geyer, O.S.B., Mus. B. Instructor in French, Music



Frater Adrian W. Harmening, O.S.B., A.B. Instructor in Latin



Frater Donald Scales, O.S.B., A.B. Instructor in English



Frater Jude Cleary, O.S.B., B.S. Instructor in Mathematics



Mr. David J. Gorney,
Ph. B. in S.S., A.M.
Asst. Professor of Public Speaking,
Dramatics, and Accounting.



Mr. Howard A. Wheeler, B.S. Professor of Physical Education, Instructor in History



Mr. Raymond LaJoie, B.S. in Ed., M.S. in Ed. Instructor in Spanish and French



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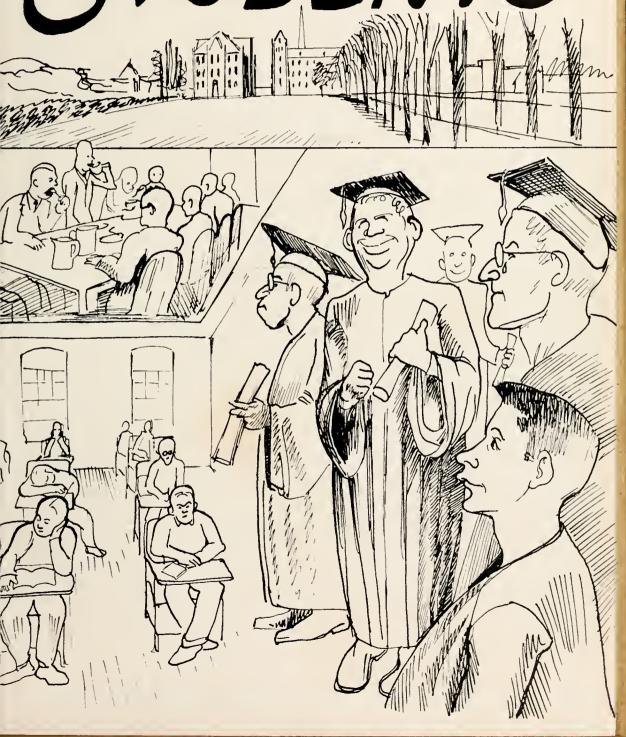


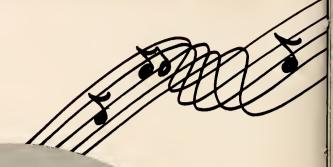
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STUDENTS



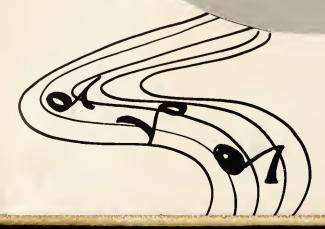


The Alma Mater Hymn

Hail Alma Mater, Hail dear ol' Abbey, We are thy sons and thee we love; Faithful we'll always be, Strengthened in loyalty, With help from above.

The Varsity Victory Song

Hail to the crimson
Hail! to the white;
Hail Alma Mater, we'll always fight!
We love no other,
Let our motto be:
Victory, Abbeymen,
Varsity.





SOPHOMORES

Seth Brown Vice President Tom Raftery Secretary Jack Noble President Frank Creery Student Council Representative Ed McCaffrey Treasurer



WILLIAM KEVILLE ACH
"Bill"
Plymouth, N.C.
"Journalism"
Assistant Librarian (2); Contact (1 & 2);
Spire (2); Class Officer, Secretary (1);
Constitutional Committee (1); Dance Committee (1 & 2).
Collecting classical phonograph records.



EDWARD WILLIAM ANDERSON
"Eddie"
Newport News, Va.
Science Club (1 & 2); Rifle Team (2); Saint
John Berchmans' Society (1 & 2); PSER
Club (2); Intramurals (1 & 2); Glee Club
(1).
Disc Jockey, Tennis, Dancing.



NORMAN ANDREW BAIN
"Preacher"
Crozet, Va.
"Priesthood"
Phi Theta Kappa (1 & 2), President (2);
Science Club (1 & 2), Treasurer (1), Acting
President (2); Spire Staff (2), Activities
Editor (2); Saint Benedict's Society (2);
Saint John Berchmans' Society (1 & 2).
Milkman.



PAUL FRANKLIN BLACKWELDER
Concord, N.C.
"Undecided"
Glee Club (1), President (1); Abbey Players
(1); Contact (1).
Art, Music, Teaching.
Veteran 2 years, Recalled 1 year.



JAMES DANIEL BLACKWOOD
"Dan"
Gastonia, N.C.
"Electrical Engineer"
Rifle Club (2); Day Students Organization
(2).

MANUEL UNTALON BLAS
"Blatz"
Mount View, California
"Journalism I Hope"
Varsity Baseball (1 & 2); Intramurals (1 & 2); Student Librarian (2); Saint John Berchmans' Society (1 & 2); PSER Club (2); Phi
Theta Kappa (2); Prep (4).
Travel, history.





SETH BEASON BROWN
"Dusty"
Winston-Salem, N.C.
"Never To Work"
Intramurals (1 & 2); Vice President of Class
(2); Spire Staff (2), Photographic Editor (2);
Chief Executioner Of Initiation (2).
Golf, Football, Track, Parties.



HSIAU HSIANG CHANG
"Luke"
Nanking, China
"Teaching"



YI CHUN CHANG
"Pat"
Peping, China
"Chinese Teacher"
Contact Staff (1 & 2).
Photography, Art Collector.



JOHN EDWARD CHESSER
"Johnny"
Lancaster, S.C.
"Going into Business World"
Basketball (2); Day Students Organization
(2); Baseball (2).



BERNARD RAPHAEL DARDEN
"Country"
Sharon Taliaferre, Georgia
"Civil Engineering"
Assistant Manager Basketball; Manager
Baseball; Saint John Berchmans' Society
(2).



"Ambassador"
Richmond, Va.
Spire Staff, Co-Editor (2); President Class (1); Contact Staff, Sports Editor (2); Monogram Club (1 & 2); Basketball (1); Baseball (1 & 2), Captain (2); Phi Theta Kappa (1 & 2); Abbey Players (1 & 2); Saint Benedict's Society (1 & 2); Saint John Berchmans' Society (1 & 2); Class Student Council Representative (2); Intramurals (1 & 2); Student Librarian (1 & 2); Glee Club (1); PSER Club (2); Constitution Committee (1); Dance Com-

FRANK GORMAN CREERY, JR.

Journalism.

mittee (1 & 2).



JOHN FRANCIS GALLEN, JR.
"John"
Belmont Abbey College, BeImont, N.C.
"Priesthood"
Assistant Librarian (1 & 2).



PHIL HENRI DETURK
"Phil!
Chevy Chase, Md.
"Hopes to be a Lawyer"
Crusader Basketball (1 & 2); Monogram
Club (1 & 2), Treasurer (2); Intramurals
(1 & 2); Contact Staff (1 & 2), Sports Editor
(1), Editor (1/2 of 2); PSER Club (2).



ALBERT SMITH FRANKLIN
"Al"
Fairfield, Ct.
Rifle Team (2); Abbey Players (2); Science
Club (1 & 2).



HAROLD ALOYSIUS KUSTERER, JR.
"Podgie"
Richmond, Va.
"Priesthood"

President Student Council (2); Abbey Players (1 & 2); Saint John Berchmans' Society (1 & 2); School Organist (1 & 2); Phi Theta Kappa (2); Intramurals (1 & 2); Science Club (2); Contact Staff (1 & 2); Spire Staff (2), Co-Editor (2); Alpha Beta Sigma (2).

Classical Music.



EUGENE JENKINS HANNA
"Egg"
Gastonia, N.C.
"An Accountant"
Crusader Baseball (1 & 2); Monogram Club
(1 & 2); Day Student Organization (2).
Sports of all types.





REGINALD LAVON LAYE

"Pistol"

Belmont, N.C.

"Industrial Recreation"

Basketball (2).

Sports, Crosswork Puzzles.



WILLIAM ODELL LINEBURGER
Dallas, N.C.
"Pre-Medical Student"
Day Student Organization (2).



WALTER J. LUCAS
"Luke"
Charlotte, N.C.
"Dentistry"
Science Club (1 & 2); Phi Theta Kappa (2).
Farming and Gardening;
Wood and Metal Work,
Five years in Service;
Married; Two Children.



JAMES EUGENE LYBRAND
"Jim"
Charlotte, N.C.
Day Students Organization (2), president
(2); Intramurals (2); Dance Committee (2).
Reading Poetry.



RICHARD LAWRENCE MATHEWS
"Spook"
Washington, D.C.
"Painter"

PSER Club (2); Contact Staff (1 & 2); Phi
Theta Kappa (1 & 2), Secretary Treasurer
(2).
Philosophizing, Studying People, and Art.



EDWARD FAIRBANKS McCAFFREY

Georgetown, S.C.
"Priesthood"

Beta Alpha Sigma (1 & 2), President (2); Saint Benedict's Society (1 & 2); Saint John Berchmans' Society (1 & 2); Phi Theta Kappa (2); Class Treasurer (1 & 2); Student Council (2); Abbey Players (1 & 2); Science Club (1 & 2); Spire Staff (2), Business Manager; Contact Staff (1 & 2); Student Librarian (1 & 2); Prep (1, 2, 3, & 4); Dance Committee (1 & 2); Constitutional Committee (1); PSER Club (2).



LINDSAY LONEL McELWEE
"Mac"
Clover, S.C.
"Public Accountant"
Photography.



JOSEPH FRANCIS McMAHON
"Joe"

Laurance Harbor, N. J.
Saint Benedict's Society (1 & 2); Prep (4).



ALEXANDER PATRICK NEILSON

"Paddy"

Charlotte, N.C.
"Hopes for the future to be in business"
Intramurals (1 & 2); Day Student Organization (2).

Drawing in Zoology, Travel.

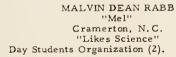


JOHN JOSEPH NOBLE
"Jack"
South Amboy, N. J.
"Lawyer"

President Sophomore Class (2); Student
Council (2); Contact Staff (2); Abbey Players
(1); Rifle Club (2); Saint John Berchmans'
Society (2).



HERMAN E. PARNELL Belmont, N.C. Married.







THOMAS MADDIN RAFTERY
"Raft"
Ashland, Va.
Basketball (1); Vice President Monogram
Club (2); Spire Staff (2), Sports Editor (2);
Beta Alpha Sigma (2), Vice-President (2);
Intramurals (1 & 2), Tennis Champ (1);
Secretary Sophomore Class (2); Official
Timer (2).



ROBERT RAY RANKIN

"Good Gus"

McAdenville, N.C.

"Physical Education Teacher"

Baseball (2).

Sports.

Transferred from Gardner Webb,
Boiling Springs, N.C.



MALCOM BAXTER RAWLINS
Charlotte, N.C.
"Television Production and Direction"
Abbey Players (1 & 2); Science Club (1 &
2); PSER Club (2).
Photography, Radio, Recording.



RICHARD FRANKLIN ROZZELLE, III

"Frank"

Charlotte, N.C.

"Striving towards A.B. degree"

Monogram Club (1 & 2); Basketball (2);

Day Students Organization (2).

Fishing, Basketball, Hunting.

Married.



JOSEPH PARKER SHACKELFORD
"Joe"
Gastonia, N.C.
"Optometry"
Day Students Organization (2);
Golf, Fishing, Hunting, Sports.
Served two years in Army;
Married, one child.



JOSEPH ALFRED SHEENAN
"Joe"
Trenton, N. J.
"Field of Medicine"
Intramurals (1 & 2); Abbey Players (2);
Science Club (1 & 2); Saint John Berchmans'
Society (1 & 2); PSER Club (2); Glee Club (1).
Drama.



HUGH REILLY SHINE
"Hughie"
Goldsboro, N.C.
"Priesthood"
Crusader Basketball (1 & 2), Captain (2);
Intramurals (1 & 2); Monogram Club (1 & 2), President (2); Beta Alpha Sigma (1 & 2);
Abbey Players (2); Saint Benedict's Society (1 & 2), Vice-President (2).
Golf, piano.



BERNARD CARL SNOCK
Venentia, Pennsylvania.
"Priesthood"
Abbey Players (2).
Sports, Reading.
Transferred from: Saint Vincent's College,
Latrobe, Pennsylvania.



JOE CARROLL THOMAS
Belmont, N.C.
Field of Pursuit: "Advertising"
Sophomore Orchestra; Day Students Organization (2).
Music, Dramatics, Photography.
Married.



SCOTT A. THROWER, JR.
North Belmont, N.C.
Transferred from: Lees-McRae College,
Banner Elk, N.C.

ROBERT MARK YACOBI

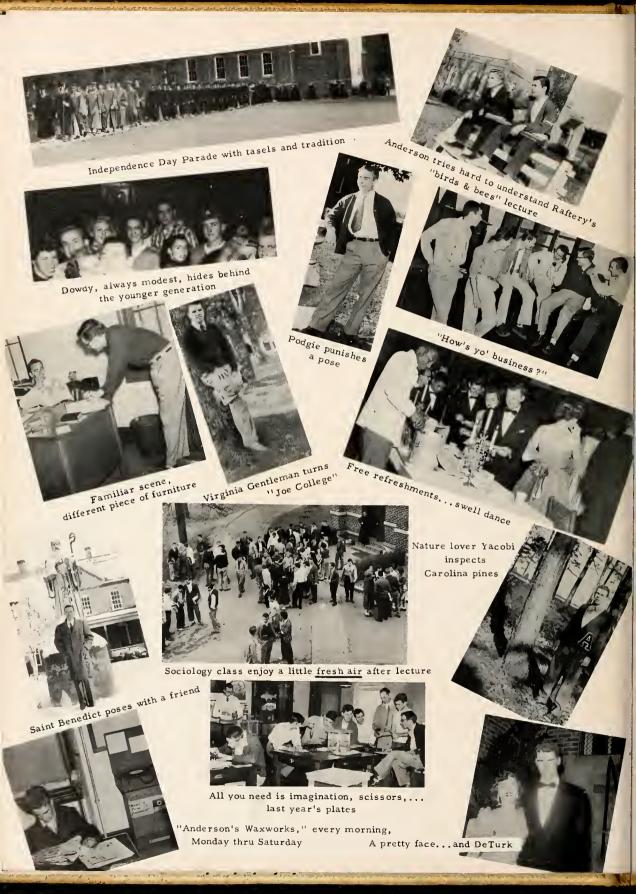
"Bucky"

Hampton, Va.

Field of Pursuit: "Business Administration"

Monogram Club (1 & 2); Saint John Berchmans' Society (2); Contact Staff (2); Intramurals (1 & 2); Crusader Basketball (1 & 2); Spire Staff (2); Glee Club (1); Dance Committee (1 & 2).





FRESHMAN CLASS



Richard McCluney, Pres. Gastonia, N.C.



Bill Frain, Vice-Pres. Savannah, Ga.



Frank Moeslein, Sec. Charlotte, N.C.



Bob Franklin, Treas. Clover, S.C.



Zenas Boling Gastonia, N.C.



Hoke Brittain McAdenville, N.C.



Teh Cheong Chang Formosa, China



Norman Cullum Aiken, S.C.



Grady Duncan Belmont, N.C.



John Fischer Charleston, S.C.



Lamar Gaston Belmont, N.C.



Theodore Gaston Belmont, N.C.



Joe Hamme Gastonia, N.C.



Aloysius Choying Hsu Wusih, Kiangsu, China



George Hunsucker Belmont, N.C.



Joseph Hsu Kian-su, China



Joseph Isern Havana, Cuba



Fred Jones Gastonia, N.C.



Roger Johnson Lowell, N.C.



Don Lingerfelt Belmont, N.C.



Marshall McDonnell Belmont, N.C.



Charles McGinnis Belmont, N.C.



Fred Morrow Gastonia, N.C.



Frank Miros Huntington, W. Va.



Stephen Naso Grand George, N.Y.



Richard Sasscer Arlington, Va.



James Ros Georgetown, S.C.



Joseph Suggs Skyland, N.C.



Daniel Tate Belmont, N.C.



Robert Swanson Mt. Holly, N.C.



Michael Walsh Southern Pines, N.C.



Frank Watkins Belmont, N.C.



FOURTH PREPARATORY

George Stuart Vice President John Williamson Student Council Delegate Jerry Mock Secretary John Anderson President

Charlie Wade Treasurer



JOHN CHARLES ANDERSON
"Cheese"
Mamarock, N.Y.
Likes to Sail

Class Pres. 3,4; Vice Pres. 2; Intramurals
Class Pres. 3,4; Vice Pres. 2; Intramurals
1,2,3,4; Ramblers Basketball 2,3,4; Science
1,2,3,4; Ramblers Basketball 2,3,4; Spire 4
1,2,3,4; B. A. S. 3,4; Contact 3,4; Spire 4
Student Council 3,4; Contact 3,4; Spire 4



JOSEPH DANIEL BISTANY
"Pills"
Charlotte, N. C.
Collects Pin-Ups
Band Committee 4; Day Student 3, 4; Spire 4.



WILLIAM HENRY DRISCOLL

"Sweets"

Winston-Salem, N. C.

Breeds and Raises Show Dogs
Chief St. Leo's Hall 4.



PETER KENFIELD HARRIS
"Pete"
Charlotte, N.C.
Likes Golf, Flashy cars and Swimming
St. Benedict's 2, 3, 4; St. John Berchmans'
2, 3, 4; Intramurals 2, 3, 4; Science Club 3, 4.



GERALD MILTON LEEPER
"Jerry"
Belmont, N. C.
Textiles is his goal
Ramblers Football 1, 2; Basketball 3, 4;
Capt. 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Crusaders
Baseball 3, 4; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4;
Class Sec. 1.



WILLIAM DARRYL LIPPARD

"Bill"

Paw Creek, N. C.

Book and Record Collector

Day Student 3, 4.



RODOLFO PARLICO LIZAMA

"Short Stop"

Havana, Cuba

And Collector of Records

Intramurals 4.





WILLIAM PARDO MARTIN
"Pardus"

Washington, D.C.
Architecture is his goal
Architecture is his goal
Collects Popular and Classical Records
Hopes to finish French.



EDWARD ALOYSIUS McDONALD

Charlotte, N.C.

Amateur Photography

Assign 3, 4; Spire 4.



JERRELL BERNARD MOCK

"Jerr"

Sec. 4; Interested in Hydroplanes
Players 1,2,3; Mgr. Football 2; B.A.S.
1,2,3,4 and Sec. 2; St. John Berchmans'
Spire 4.



JOHN WILLIAM MUNDY

"Man Mountain"

Independence, Va.

Tinkering with automobiles

Rambler Football 1,2; Monogram Club 1,

Rambler Football 1,2,3,4; St. John Berch2,3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; St. John Berchmans' 2,3,4.



EDWARD MANIBUSAU PALOMO
"Palomeno"
"Palomeno"
Agana, Guam
Radio Engineer
Radio Engineer



JOSEPH ANTHONY PECORAINE

Fayetteville, N.C.

Intramurals 4. Boxing



JULIO PRIETO COELLO
"Julie"

Photography and Classic Music.



TIMOTHY RORY ROS
"Barni"

Georgetown, S. C.
Swimming
Ramblers Basketball 3, 4; St. John Berchmans' 3, 4; Intramurals 3, 4; Monogram mans' 3, 4; Contact 4.



GERALD PRESTON SINKOE

"Tinktae"

Charlotte, N.C.

Photography and automobiles

Photographer 3; Contact 2, 3; Science

School Photographer 3; Intramurals 2, 3, 4;

School S; Rifle Team 3; Intramurals

Club 3; Rifle Team 3; Intramurals



RICHARD SPENCER
"Spence"
Charlotte, N. C.
Interested in Books
Day Student 3,4.



GEORGE EDWIN STUART

"Nathan"

Camden, S.C.

Class Treas. 1; Class Sec. 2; Vice Pres. 4;
S. 1,2,3,4; Science Club 3,4; B.A.
St. Benedict's 2; The Abbey Players 1,2,3,4;
Student Council 3,4; Contact 3,4.



GUY TITMAN
"Sparks"
Lowell, N.C.
Radio Engineer
Science Club 3,4; Day Student 3,4.



FRANCESCO CARLOS TORRES

"Francois"

Agana, Guam

Has urge to travel

Has urge to Football 2; St.

Intramurals 1,2,4; Rambler Football 2; St.

John Berchmans' 1,2,4; St. Benedict's 1,

John Berchmans' 2,4; St. Glub 4; Monogram

John Berchmans' 2,4; St.

Club 2,4.



CHARLES PATRICK WADE

Life's ambition to be Coach
Basketball 2; Mgr. 4; Monogram Club 2;
3,4; St. John Berchmans' 1,2,3,4; The
Abbey Players 3,4; Pres. Student Council 4.



JOHN WALLACE WILLIAMSON
"Rusty"
Chambersburg, Pa.
Gun Collector
Student Council 4; Monogram Club 3,4;
Rambler Basketball 3,4; Science Club 3,4;
Intramurals 2,3,4; St. John Berchmans'
3,4; Class Sec. 3.



Be polite, eat only what you like...starve to death!





Path to "Winter Wonderland"



Problem: how many minutes before the bell





Everybody voted for the "Tucke Shoppe Reform Bill"



Three o'clock and all is well





Shaw has a question.
"Be excused, Faw?"



Freshman gets business in initiation. Behave yourself, chicken!



Sack beats out a little Rachtishoskowitzswitzskistein



"Raftery & Co." Wait 'til the boys in Ashland see this



Edward Quigley, Pres. Charlotte, N.C.



Steve A. Davis, Jr., Vice-Pres. Belmont, N.C.

John Campbell, Sec. Independence, Va.



Louis Kaman, Treas. Thorpe, W. Va.

THIRD

PREP



Paul Abromavage Trenton, N.J.



Donald Barkley Gastonia, N.C.



John Borrini Camden, S.C.



Marty Cornwell Cramerton, N.C.



Sammy Hagley Belmont, N.C.



Jesus Lalana Oriente, Cuba



John Mercer Gastonia, N.C.



Humberto Prieto Havana, Cuba



Harry Sack Statesboro, Ga.





Thomas Shaw James Standing Robert Suggs Philadelphia, Pa. Virginia Beach, Va. Belmont, N.C.





George Younginer Columbia, S.C.









Robert Barnett, Pres. Deale, Maryland

James Anderson, Vice-Pres. Rock Hill, S.C.

Denny Freeman, Treas. Waltersboro, S.C.



Alexander Hansen Albuquerque, N.M.



Paul Horowitz Norfolk, Va.



Walter Jennings Savannah Beach, Ga.



Manuel Lopez Camaguey, Cuba



Patrick McDonnell' Belmont, N.C.



Philip Neuman Brooklandville, Md.



Ronald Oates Gastonia, N.C.



Nelson Prieto Havana, Cuba



Cecil Rackley Independence, Va.



Ronald Richer Belton, S.C.



Richard Ros Georgetown, S.C.



Donald Shirley Gastonia, N.C.



Carlos Stoute



Gerald Yore Ancon, Canal Zone Beckley, W. Va.



Michael Dowling, Pres. Middleburg, Va. Gaylo



Gaylord Cowan, Vice-Pres. Forest City, N.C.



Marshall Bledsoe, Sec. Washington, D.C.



Jim Barbee, Treas. Cramerton, N.C.

F I R S T



Raoul Arguelles Havana, Cuba



Matthew Donahue Washington, D.C.



Edward Gardner Gastonia, N.C.



William Hallowes Gastonia, N.C.



Joseph Johnson Lynchburg, Va.



Joe Mundy Independence, Va.



Donald Orr Arlington, Va.



Larry Patty Asheville, N.C.



Armando Rodriguez Camaguey, Cuba



Andrew Vanore Robbins, N.C.



ACTIVITIES



Seated: Ach, Mathews, Kusterer, Creery, McCaffrey, Quigley, Mercer, Bistany. Standing: Torres, McDonald, Raftery, Mock, Yacobi, Kelleher, Brown, Stuart, Bain, Anderson, Sinkoe.



THE SPIRE

Handicapped by a late start (lack of time), the need for money (lack of funds), and the overall attitude of "what's the use" from the student body (lack of interest); nevertheless the staff of the Spire went to work with an optimistic air. The publication of this, "your book of memories," should not only reflect the heart-felt warmth of these wonderful days in your campus life of 1952, but only fittingly bring to mind that which has contributed to the production of this annual - the unselfish attitude of those who have made this year's SPIRE possible - the same Abbey attitude that will always be preserved for you within the very bounds of this book. Has this been achieved? You be the judge,

A token of affection - congratulations! ("Podgie" Kusterer and Frank Creery, co-Editors)



George Stuart and Tom Raftery, the Sports Editors, checking over one of the schedules.



ire Artists, Quigley, Ach, Matthews scussing layouts.





Ed McCaffrey, Business Mgr. and his business six: Mercer, Torres, McDonald, Ed himself, Bistany, Mock, and Sinkoe.

Mr. Gorney, Faculty Advisor, reads up on the prospective material for publication.



Mr. Stuart, Photographic Advisor, poses with ashtray.



Photographic Editors (Brown and Yacobi) in a photographic pose.



John Anderson and Norman Bain, Editors of the Activities, talk over plans for the coming year.





Seated, left to right: Anderson, Noble, Kelleher, Ros, J.; Stuart, Miros, Younginer.
Standing, left to right: Quigley, Mock, Suggs, Williamson, Kusterer, Ros, R., Yacobi, McCaffrey, Creery.

CONTACT





Columnists Kusterer, Younginer, Kelleher and Noble, beat out the "Religious Roundup"

Thomas Jeffers on once said these very words concerning the press: "Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter". This expresses, to some extent, the place which the average Abbeyman holds for the monthly publication of the student activities, both on and off the campus, so much has THE CONTACT become a part of Abbey life. Devoting much of its space to specialized fields, THE CONTACT, nevertheless presents to its readers the general topics of interest which broadens his outlook of life that actually exists around him and tends to develop a more wholesome type of student, so common-place on the Abbey campus. Hats off to a fine organization!



Columnists on the Contact Staff, from l. to r. standing, Jerry Mock, Frank Miros,
Louis Kaman, and Jim Lybrand, seated,
John Anderson, Rory Ros, and "Bucky" Yacobi.





The College and Prep Sports Editors, Frank Creery and George Stuart, trying to beat the dead-line for their columns.





Seated: Williamson, Wade, Anderson, Stuart. Standing: Quigley, Anderson, Jim; Dowling, Bledsoe, Barnett, Campbell.

PREP STUDENT COUNCIL

The Prep Student Council is composed of the President of the Prep Student Body and the following delegates: The President of each class and a representative making the membership (including a secretary-treasurer from the Fourth Prep) of nine.

The Prep Council has been ambitious, thorough and very active throughout the present academic year. Under the leadership of the President it can be said that the group has achieved its purpose which is, to give to the students a voice in the affairs of government of the school and secondly, to foster school spirit and lend a helping hand when needed. The reputation of this year's council stands on the progress made and the fine work accomplished.

PREP Student Council Officers: Stuart (Treas.) Anderson (V.P.) Williamson (Secty.) and Wade (Pres.) getting ready to try again.





This club, in bringing together both College and Prep students, forms a union bound under the one fundamental principle of every society - the common good. In this group, one may find that "man-behind-thescenes", who is always striving to make campus life brighter for others, and who has yet to discover what "self-interest" is, himself. This is the typical BETA member - a person who bests manifests the very core of Abbey spirit. The outgrowth of this one group is but an extension of the primary aims of Belmont Abbey itself. Over and above a yearly objective; this organization endeavors to promote student relationships in order that each student may live his life to the fullest extent.

Officers: (Raftery, Vice-Pres., McCaffrey, Pres., Stuart, Sec., and Anderson, Treas.) having an informal chat before a meeting.

BETA ALPHA SIGMA



Seated: Quigley, Raftery, McCaffrey, Stuart, Anderson, Kusterer, Standing: Barnett, Freeman, Walsh, McDermott, Shine, Mock, Bain, Creery, Wade, McDonnell, M; McDonnell, P.

KAPPA



First Row: Lucas, Creery, Bain, Mathews, Second Row: McCaffrey, Kusterer, Kelleher, Blas.

As the answer to that academic goal that every student strives for, the PHI THETA KAPPA best represents this level of advancement. It is a National Junior College Honorary Society, whose members are most definitely a select group. It is the ambition of many to aspire to such heights as attained by this outstanding few, so very seldom do the hopes of so many become a reality. Its members aim to create that spirit of intellectual pride which should exist in the school, as an educational institution, and in doing so, promote student fellowship as well as de-velope character. It is the hopes of the PHI THETA KAPPA to achieve that acme of progress, whereby its membership will exclude no Abbey student.



Officers: (Mathews, Sec., Creery, Vice-Pres., and Bain, Pres.) engage in an intellectual conversation.



SAINT BENEDICT'S SOCIETY



First Row: Borrini, Creery, Kusterer, Torres, Anderson, Second Row: McMahon, McCaffrey, McDermott, Kelleher, Shine, Bain,

Through the various talks and discussions, which are the basis for the meetings of this group, the club lends that helping hand to those who are planning to foster the vocation of one of God's "chosen few" - namely, the aspiration to the holy priesthood. This is an organization, not of priesthood students, but more so, of those young men who are giving the priesthood serious thought. It is the purpose of this society, therefore, to lead its members as best as it is possible, to that state in life whereby they will fulfill the will of God and where they can best workout the salvation of their immortal souls. Of the immediate functions of this group, the leading of the "Missa Recitata" and The Family Rosary are perhaps the primary two.

Officers: McDermott (Sec. Treas.) Kelleher (Pres.) and Shine (V.P.) mull over the Manual.



SAINT JOHN BERCHMANS' SOCIETY

Front: Venore. First Row: Patty, Blas, Kaman, Richer, Fr. Adrian, Bledsoe, Gardner, E; Hagley, Anderson. Second Row: Sheenan, McMahon, Harris, Quigley, McDonell, M., Orr, Darden, Torres, Kusterer, McCaffrey. Third Row: Shirley, Ros, R., Wade, Younginer, McDonell, P., Anderson, E., Borrini. Fourth Row: Driscoll, Kelleher, Noble, Bain, Walsh, Dowling. Fifth Row: Yacobi, Mock, Miros, Ros, J., McDermott, Sixth Row: Gardner, D., Stuart, Fischer, Williamson, Frain.

This is an organization whose main objective is to prepare young men to assist at the litergical services in the Cathedral. Its member consist of both College and Prep students. The importance of young altar boys at the sacred ceremonies cannot be estimated, but to witness the young men as they take part in the holy rites is an inspiring sight. Fr. Adrian, O.S.B. is the moderator. As a social group, they join together in the banquet half for a feast of their own at the completion of the scholastic year.

The Solemn High Pontifical Mass being celebrated in the Cathedral by the Abbot on The Feast of St. Benedict, Founder of the Order.





LIBRARY STAFF

In listing the important things of student life, no doubt the use of a library is among the most important. The students at the Abbey are most fortunate to have at their disposal one of the top college libraries of the South. This high standard is much responsible to the untiring efforts of Fr. Gabriel, O.S.B., and Mrs. P. McDonnell, Assistant Librarian. With the advent of the Senior College, the growing library will offer even greater advantages to students.

Ray McDermott checks out book from the assistant librarian, Mrs. McDonnell.

First row: Blas, Suggs, Ach, Creery, McMahon Second row: Shine, McDermott, Kelleher, McCaffrey, Gallen.





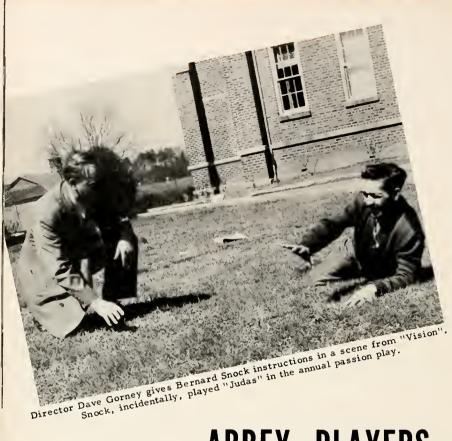
First Row: Mr. Stry, moderater; Noble, Blas, Sheenan, Kelleher, Loving, Suggs. Second Row: McDonell, J.; McMahon, Ros, R.; Wade, Harris, McCaffrey. Third Row: Walsh, Williamson, Torres, Stuart, Anderson, Lucas. Fourth Row: Franklin, Ros, J.; Bain, Rawlins, Anderson, E.; Kusterer.

SCIENCE CLUB

Perhaps the newest organization on the Abbey campus, and definitely an important one is the SCIENCE CLUB. To those members who do not planto follow a scientific course, the club gives them an opportunity to acquire information about matters of interest. These may prove helpful to the individual student in later life, regardless of his place in the world. And, naturally to those who are seeking a place in the scientific field of study, the club endeavors to give them first hand accounts of what the results should be if they honestly apply their efforts. By hearing and interviewing the many prominent speakers who are already active in the scientific and business world as well, they are able to see what wonderful fruits can be reaped from a vocation in the field of science. We wish this club as much success in the years to come as it has already enjoyed in its first two years of existance.



Mr. Stry going over an experiment with two future scientists, Robert Lineberger and Walter Lucas.



No campus would be a campus in the true sense of the word without its dramatic club. Rendering entertain-ment in the form of plays, this group has won for itself the distinction of being the most active organization at the Abbey during this past year of 1951-1952. Several important productions met with big successes this year - "East Lynne", "The Ghost Train", "Vision" (the annual Passiontide drama) and "You Can't Take It With You" - all produced with a cast composed of College and Prep students. The ladies for the plays came from the neighboring Sacred Heart College and Academy. With due respect to all other campus clubs, we wish to acknowledge the great work being done by this organization, and hope that in future years, the example manifested by this group will be an inspiration to the others.

ABBEY PLAYERS

Helen and Frank were practicing. Joan Haught isn't sure.





Last minute preparations for "Ghost Train".

Helen Anderson goes for everyday stuff.



Judy Harrison collapses on seeing the "Ghost Train".



Old maid Joan Haught disturbs Creery, Kelleher in scene from "Ghost Train".



Stage technicians Kusterer, Franklin, and McMahon look to Rawlins for instructions.



CRUSADER MONOGRAM CLUB

Without this wonderful group of men, campus life would be incomplete! The principles upon which this fine group of college athletes have based their activity can be summed up in these words - good sportsmanship and school spirit. Well-known to the student body as well as the residents of the surrounding area because of their big white "A's" reflecting on the background of a crims on red sweater, they have developed a friendly feeling among all sports fans - participants and supporters as well. Only by hours of hard work, as athletes and as leaders, have they come into this glorious distinction of bearing their Abbey letters. Raising money has never proved an easy problem and by playing benefit games, sponsoring dances and holding bingo parties and the like, they have been able to make real their onetime-hoped-for dream of wearing a well deserved Abbey sweater. We salute each and every member of our MONOGRAM CLUB - true Crusaders in every respect.

Officers (Phil DeTurk, Sec-Treas., Hugh Shine, Pres., Bill Frain, Sgt.-at-Arms, and Tom Raftery, Vice-Pres.) enjoy recalling the better part of the past season's games.

First Row: Shine, Raftery, Yacobi, Leeper. Second Row: Hanna, Creery, Blas, Frain. Third Row: DeTurk, Melvin.



At the time the SPIRE is going to press, there are fourteen athletes who have earned the Rambler kelley green "A". The purpose of this organization is to encourage all Prep boys to try-out for the sport of the Prep-Basketball.

We are a proud group because we have the satisfaction of knowing that each year when trials for the RAMBLERS are held, about 90% of the boys do attempt to gain a berth on the squad. Those that fail to make the Varsity become members of the "CUBS" which can be styled as a farm for the Varsity. The interest shown in this system is paying off by leaps and bounds as seen by this year's team.

The club also sponsors social events - such as dances: all money received goes toward the purchasing of letters and sweaters for the team. A spirit of comradship and goodfellowship prevails within the group and loyalty to each other is a predominant factor.



RAMBLER MONOGRAM CLUB

First Row: Wade, Anderson, Kaman, Williamson, Mundy. Second Row: Ros, R., Leeper, Shaw, Campbell, Gardner, D., Torres, McDermott.





Anderson deflects pass from Raftery to Sasscer.



Fr. Raphael starts the action. Melvin, Fischer go up.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

With three teams vieing for top honors and Father Raphael Bridges O.S.B. directing, College Intramural Basketball provided the after supper entertainment throughout December, January and February. Final count found the Connoisseurs, Captained by Frank Creery, atop the heap by virtue of a 26-16 victory over Norman Bain's Top Hats. The defeat left the Top Hats in second place but well above Al Franklin's King Pins who completed the season with a perfect record, managing to lose six out of six games.

In the scoring department Frank Creery copped top laurels hitting for 59 points. Teammates Steve Naso and Mickey Walsh finished second and third with 43 and 40 points respectively. Norman Bain with 38 and Frank Miros with 29 round out the five top scorers.

TEAM ROSTERS

CONNOISSEURS: Frank Creery (Captain), Mickey Walsh, Harold Kusterer, Steve Naso, Wilbur Loving, John Fischer. TOP HATS: Norman Bain (Captain), Seth Brown, Frank Miros, Ed Anderson, Joe Isern, Manuel Blas, Tommy Melvin. KING PINS: Al Franklin (Captain), Tommy Raftery, John Noble, Joe Sheenan, Sasscer, Dick Matthews, James Lybrand.

With the advent of October . college intramurals were thrust into high gear as the Frosh and Sophs met on the gridiron in an effort to determine a champion, but after four games the count stood at two ties and a win each. Being thus evenly matched the scene of action shifted to the diamond and this time it was horse of another color. Behind the fine pitching of Joe Isern, Sid Sellers, and Bill Frain the Freshmen swept a three series and were proclaimed official champs.



Paddy Neilson Runs around his left side with some good interference from Brown. (Note: - Fischer was "up-in-the-air" over the whole thing).

INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL AND



BASEBALL

SCORES

FOOTBALL: Sophs 6 Frosh 0
Sophs 0 Frosh 0

Sophs 6 Frosh 6 Sophs 6 Frosh 22

BASEBALL: Sophs 1 Frosh 1

Sophs 4 Frosh 12 Sophs 1 Frosh 14



Brown, Miros get panicky as Franklin foots it to first.

PREP INTRAMURALS

"Get that ball, for goodness sakes!"



Under the direction of Coach Wheeler and Father Raphael, four teams were picked to participate in fall baseball and football, and the league immediately got off to a flying start. The football crown was taken by John Williamson's Tigers, who boasted an undefeated season. The baseball race ended in a deadlock between the Tigers and George Stuart's fighting Indians, the former winning a second championship after a hot three game playoff series.

WINTER:

With the advent of cold weather, the gym became the center of activity. Six basketball teams were chosen and games scheduled. During the course of the season several very good quints were developed, among them, Don Shirley's Rebels were on top at the season's end. Bill Mundy's Mustangs and Colin Campbell's Cavaliers finished deadlocked for second place.

SPRING:

The Spring baseball program has revealed some fast ball playing and a great deal of good material. Four teams were picked: George Younginer's Phillies, Francis Torres' Giants, Ray McDermott's Dodgers, and Jim Anderson's White Sox.

On the whole, the year's intramural schedule has served its purpose. It developed in the participants a lively interest in sports, and, at the same time, provided for them an active means of recreation.





Ros and Harris playing football for the first time.



THE REBELS: Don Shirley, Captain; Andy Vanore, John Borrini, Paul Abromavage, Eddie Palomo, Alex Hanson. THE MUSTANGS: Bill Mundy, Captain; George Stuart, Raul Arguellas, Gay Cowan, Ronnie Richer, Anthony Yore, Julio Prieto.



THE CAVALIERS: Colin Campbell, Capt.; George Younginer, Mike Dowling, Matthew Donohue, Walter Jennings, Joe Mundy, Armando Rodriquez, Donald Orr. THE PIVOTEERS: Joe Pecoraino, Capt.; Bill Driscoll, Gerald Sinkoe, Carlos Stoute, Ed Quigley, Allen Sack, Nelson Prieto. THE SPORTSMAN: Jerry Mock, Capt.; Peter Harris, Jim Standing, Jack Lalana, Cecil Rackley, Marshall Bledsoe, Joe Johnson. THE BLUE JETS: Bob Barnett, Capt.; Humberto Prieto, Manuel Lopez, Bucky Davis, Larry Patty, Phil Neumann, Paul Horowitz.

FOOTBALL & BASEBALL

THE EAGLES: Rory Ros, Capt.; Jerry Leeper, Joe Pecoraino, Gerald Sinkoe, Denny Freeman, Bob Barnett, Ed Quigley, Pat McDonnell, Jim Anderson, Don Shirley, Larry Patty, Armando Rodriquez, Ronnie Richer, Allen Sack. THE TIGERS: John Williamson, Capt.; Louie Kaman, Danny Gardner, John Anderson, Julio Prieto, Eddie Palomo, Peter Harris, Ed Gardner, Donald Orr, Jack Lalana, Cecil Rackley. THE INDIANS: George Stuart, Capt.; Tom Shaw, Jerry Mock, John Borrini, Colin Campbell, Ray McDermott, Andy Vanore, Humberto Prieto, Manuel Lopez, Nelson Prieto, Matthew Donohue, Mike Dowling, Alex Hansen. THE WHITE SOX: Charlie Wade, Capt.; Bucky Davis, Bob Suggs, George Younginer, Walter Jennings, Bill Driscoll, Raul Arguellas, Bill Mundy, Marshall Bledsoe, Joe Mundy, Gay Cowan.



"Babe" Younginer with a hit and run





Standing: Bledsoe, Hansen, Sgt. Costner, coach; Franklin, Miros.



Anderson, Bledsoe and Standing receive pointers from veteran marksmen Miros, Franklin and Orr.

RIFLE CLUB: This is a very earnest group of students who are content to remain unnoticed, for they make their appearance on the rifle range amidst the austere confines of the Administration Building's fourth floor. The club is one which endeavors to promote a better understanding and handling of fire arms, and to develope better marksmanship. Its members are a congregation of both college and prep students who not only have an Army Qualification Course, but who also compete in interscholastic matches with other educational institutions. The Belmont Abbey Rifle Club is a recognized member of the National Rifle Association of America, and it is through their hard and honest efforts that they maintain their high standing in this famous organization.

Hansen, Mundy and Cowan check over marksmanship on the range.



PORTS



First Row: Sellers, McDonnell, Watkins, Shine, Gaston, Chesser, Zeis, Yacobi. Second Row: Darden, Mgr.; Laye, Frain, Rozzelle, DeTurk, Stowe, Ros, McMahon, Mgr.

CRUSADER BASKETBALL



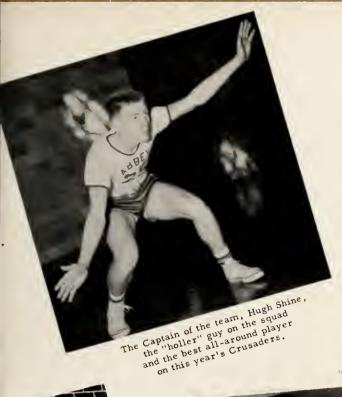
Coach "Humpy" Wheeler, always with a smile for everyone, caught in an informal pose.

CRUSADER BASKETBALL

A fast start and slow finish is the story of the 51-52 Crusaders, who, boasting an 8-0 record at mid-January met their first defeat at the hands of Wingate's powerful Bulldogs and then proceeded to drop 4 of the last 7 conference games. This mark, however, was good enough to earn a trip to Shelby, N.C., for the Carolinas' Junior College Tournament. With high hopes and determination the Abbeymen set out in quest of victory only to go down before Louisburg in the opening game of the Tourney.

Despite a mediocre 14-6 record there was no doubt that Coach Wheeler had a fine team on the floor; they gave their best on every occasion, but to attempt to point out the thing lacking in the Abbey machine which would have produced a winning club indeed would be difficult - the spark was there, it just wouldn't ignite. Win, lose, or draw though, we're proud of our Crusaders and the fine brand of ball they displayed.

Congratulations especially to Sid Sellers who gained a berth on the All - Conference Five. Also to Captain Hugh Shine, Phil DeTurk, and Frank Rozzelle who each received honorable mention.





"Biggest-little" man in the conference.

Sid Sellers, High scorer and
All-Conference selection.



conference, takes aim for a set.



Bill "Idaho" Frain, the handlest man on the team, poses for the camera.

Up for a jump shot is Phil DeTurk, fine center for the past two seasons.



John Chesser getting ready for a push.



Center
Ted Gaston demonstrates defensive stance.



Jim Pat Ros
displays form that made him a top-notch defensive man.



Lavon Laye, neat ball handler, readies himself for his favorite shot, a looping one hand push shot.



THE RECORD

Abbey	54
Abbey	52
Abbey	60
Abbey	68
Abbey	91
Abbey	63
Abbey	55
Abbey	75
Abbey	47
Abbey	83
Abbey	63
Abbey	64
Abbey	64
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Abbey	74
Abbey	65

TOURNAMENT:

Abbey 53



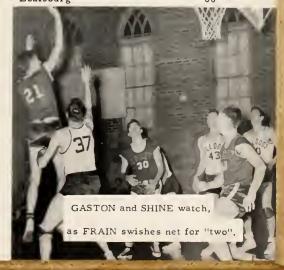
ACOBI "pops" from corner as ROZELLE goes in for follow-up.



DeTURK and ROZELLE fight for rebound.

Brevard	32
Louisburg	35
Charlotte College	50
Spartanburg	58
Charlotte "Y"	58
Charlotte College	59
Spartanburg	51
Brevard	47
Wingate	83
Cramerton	78
Gardner Webb	68
Wingate	80
Pfeiffer	59
Cramerton	54
Pfeiffer	54
Oak Ridge	73
N.C. State Jr. Varsity	87
Westinghouse Apprentice School	67
Charlotte "Y"	60
Gardner Webb	54
Oak Ridge	81

Louisburg 60





First Row: Coach Wheeler, Hunsucker, Frain, Leeper, Morrow, Hanna, Sellers, Chesser, Nielson, Ros. Second Row: Mgr. McElwee, Zeis, Isern, Lybrand, Franklin, Gaston, Rankin, Naso, Suggs, J.; Mgr. Suggs. Third Row: Davis, Wade, Borrini, Gaston, Fischer, Prieto, H., Gardner, Blas, Mgr. Darden.

CRUSADER BASEBALL

With only four lettermen returning to the fold this spring, the Crusader baseball outlook is anything but bright. Coach Howard A. Wheeler faces the task of almost completely rebuilding his forces composed largely of green material.... Absent from the lineup will be such notables as Sam Rhyne, pitcher-shortstop, Frank Gragnani, flashy second sacker, Bob Kelly, First baseman, Tommy Melvin, hardhitting centerfielder, Captain Dick Bain, hustling backstop, Erskine Rhodes, third base, and Otis Helms, also behind the plate.

Of the four remaining regulars, Pitcher Gene Hanna of Gastonia, N.C., will be called on to carry a great deal of the load, not, however, without help from another veteran moundsman in the person of Bill Frain, Savannah, Georgia. Jerry Leeper, Belmont, N.C., will probably be installed at third while Jim Ros, the remaining veteran, Georgetown, S.C., speedster, will handle the chores in leftfield.

We extend our regrets to Frank Creery of Richmond, Virginia, captain-elect of the 1952 Crusader Nine, who will not play this season due to an ankle fracture sustained a few weeks prior to this writing.

Best of luck to Coach Wheeler and his Crusaders this Spring!!!!

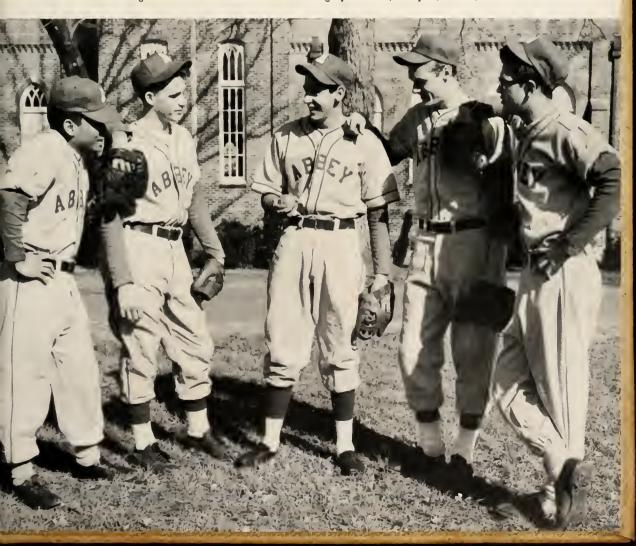
SCHEDULE

				Abbey
March	25	Charlotte College	1	8
April	- 1	Oak Ridge	4	2
-	5	Gardner Webb	13	20
	19	Wingate	15	12
	22	Charlotte College	10	11
	30	Oak Ridge		
May	3	Spartanburg		

8 Spartanburg 10 Pfeiffer 14 Gardner Webb 17 Wingate



Returning lettermen: Hanna demonstrates grip to Blas, Leeper, Frain, Ros.



RAMBLER BASKETBALL

The 1951-52 edition of the Belmont Abbey Ramblers fought through a tough seventeen game schedule. Outscored in many cases but never outfought, they finished their regular season with a 6-11 record. Under the guiding hand of Father Brendan, the team played five games on foreign courts, climaxing the season with the defense of their crown in the second annual Knights of Columbus Basketball Tournament in Asheville, N.C.

While the big guns of the Green and White this year were John Williamson and Rory Ros, who ended up with 190 and 169 points respectively, much of the credit for the victories must go to their teammates, Captain Jerry Leeper, Tom Shaw, and Louis Kaman. Without their excellent floorwork and points-in-pinches, the season would have been a dismal one.

Six members of the Green and White ranks, John Anderson, John Williamson, Rory Ros, Jerry Leeper, Ray McDermott and Manager-Assistant Coach Charlie Wade, will graduate this June.



Sitting: Kaman, Shaw, John Anderson, Ros, Jim Anderson, Freeman. Standing: Quigley, Mgr.; Gardner, Williamson, McDermott, Leeper, Wade, Assistant Coach.







Leeper plays guard even with bow legs

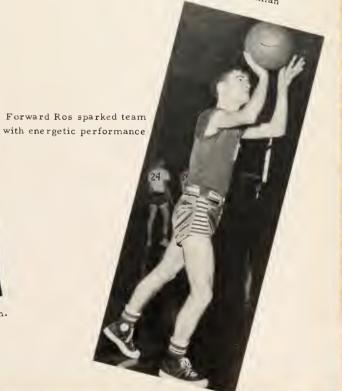


Little man with big push shot, guard Kaman

Forward Shaw, cool, poised; and sideburns.



Center Williamson stoops for cameraman.









McDermott is mighty serious about his work

Freeman shoots like his favorite player (?)

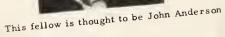


THE RECORD

Ramblers23	Gastonia 27
Ramblers38	Lowell 37
Ramblers40	Stanley 39
Ramblers27	Gastonia 37
Ramblers24	Gastonia 29
Ramblers37	Myers Park 43
Ramblers53	Asheville 22
Ramblers38	O'Donoghue 34
Ramblers34	Gardner-Webb 71
Ramblers46	Myers Park 49
Ramblers47	O'Donoghue 31
Ramblers45	Mecklenburg No. 63
Ramblers47	Gastonia 49
Ramblers49	Tech High 31
Ramblers42	Tech High 56
Ramblers 32	North High 66
Ramblers31	Gardner-Webb 43

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Kamblers Ramblers Ramblers	51	St. John's Raleigh Roanoke	49
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